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PERTINENT FACTS ON THE ANGORA WOOL RABBIT

The Angora rabbit is too small for practical use in meat production (its weight at maturity is only 6 pounds), and its skin has little value in the fur trade, but as it produces a wool that is an article of commerce, Angora raising, if conducted carefully and conservatively, has a proper place in agriculture. It is not a get-rich-quick enterprise; fortunes such as those promised by some promoters will not be realized from it.

Feeding, housing, and breeding practices used in raising other rabbits are also recommended to Angora producers. Special considerations are outlined in the following paragraphs:

The wool, which grows in a year to a length of 5 to 8 inches, or in 3 months to a length of 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 inches, is usually clipped four times a year, the weight of each clipping varying from 2 to 3 ounces. The greatest quantity of wool is produced in winter. At this season as much as 1/4-inch should be left unclipped to protect the rabbit against cold.

The most satisfactory Angora wool producers are bucks and unmated does. Pregnant does should not be clipped on the belly as the wool there is required for lining the nest.

Grooming is not necessary during the first two months after clipping, and in many cases the animal is groomed only immediately before clipping.

Shearing should be done carefully, and the different grades of wool should be put into separate containers.

The Angora-wool raiser should familiarize himself with the grades in greatest demand and the current prices. White is by far the most desirable color. As a rule, manufacturers purchase wool in quantity and are not interested in 1- or 2-pound lots.

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Many Angora rabbit raisers have written to the Department that they were unable to find a satisfactory stable market for their wool. Others have written that persons selling Angora rabbits on contract to buy back the wool at fabulous prices have not done so. Because of these circumstances prospective Angora rabbit raisers should proceed cautiously before investing money in this enterprise. A satisfactory market for the wool should be found before any live animals are purchased.

The following partial list of organizations and individuals from whom information can be obtained with reference to purchasing Angora rabbits is furnished in an effort to aid those interested; it should be understood that no discrimination is intended and that no guarantee of reliability is implied:

American Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association, A. Weygandt, Secretary,
7408 Normal Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Angora Wool Growers Association, M. B. Sixby, Acting Secretary,
94 Melrose Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

California Angora Wool Growers, Inc., Mason E. Miles, Secretary,
2800 West 54th Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Delaware Angora Rabbit Farm, George Callery, Proprietor, New Castle, Del.

W. F. Dodge, 5201 S. Eye Street, Tacoma, Wash.

Royal Angora Rabbitry, E. D. Morgan, Proprietor, 33 George Street,
Medford, Mass.

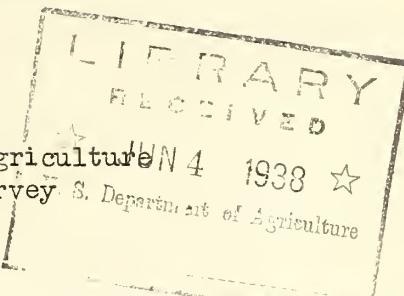
Some of the above organizations and individuals sell raw wool on a commission basis or exchange Angora rabbit yarn for the raw wool.

Current information on Angora rabbit problems can be found in the various rabbit magazines.

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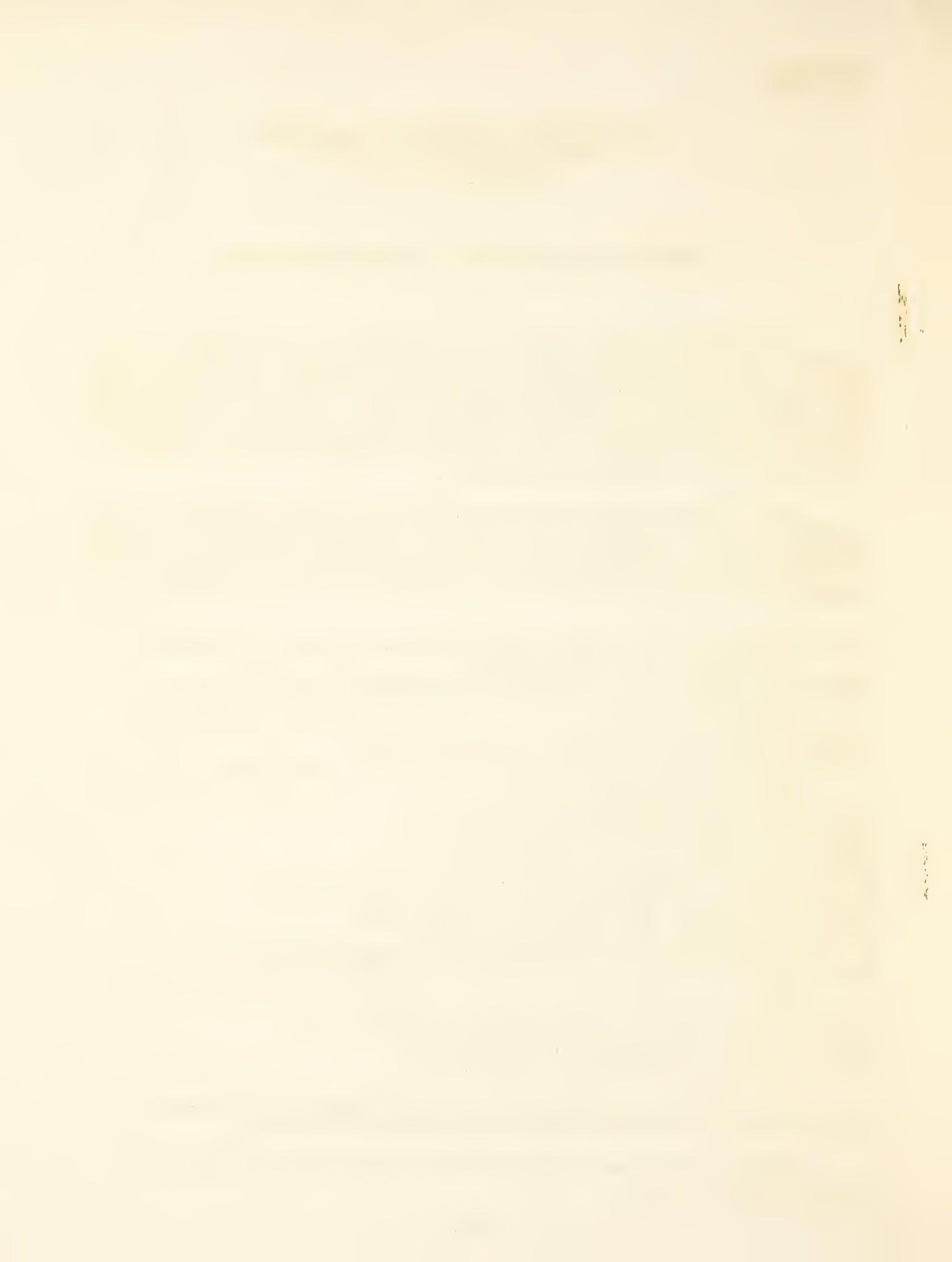
The raising of Angora rabbits is developing in some sections of the country. These rabbits are raised for the wool produced. Numerous requests have been received in the Bureau for the names and addresses of persons who sell Angora rabbits and of those who buy the wool. As this is a new development in animal production in this country, persons are advised to proceed cautiously before investing heavily in this enterprise and they should be reasonably sure of a market for the wool.

The following partial list of organizations and individuals from whom information can be obtained with reference to purchasing Angora rabbits and selling the wool is furnished in an effort to aid those interested; it should be understood that no discrimination is intended and that no guarantee of reliability is implied:

American Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association, A. Weygandt, Secretary,
7408 Normal Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Angora Wool Company, Inc., A. Hoelscher, President, Lancaster, Ohio.
Angora Wool Growers Association, M. B. Sixby, Secretary, 94 Melrose St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.
Brecht, Hayes & Co., 246 Summer St., Boston, Mass.
California Angora Wool Growers, Inc., Mason E. Miles, Secretary, 2800 West
54th St., Los Angeles, Calif.
W. F. Dodge, 5201 South Eye St., Tacoma, Wash.
Chapal Donner Corporation, Newark, N. J.
Edward M. Gardiner, R. D. 2, New Hartford, N. Y.
Haigh & Co., 246 Summer St., Boston, Mass.
H. John Harder, 512 South Standard Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.
Lawrence J. Johnson, 184 Summer St., Boston, Mass.
C. W. Orr Fur Farms, Inc., Palmer Lake, Colo.
S. Rosenfelder & Son, Inc., 127 West 27th St., New York, N. Y.
Royall Angora Rabbitry, Edwin D. Morgan, Proprietor, 33 George St., Medford,
Mass.
E. A. Stephens & Co., Inc., 1833 Wazee St., Denver, Colo.
Jay Todd, 4004 13th Ave., South, Seattle, Wash.
Paul A. Waters, 200 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

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- American Angora Rabbit Breeders Cooperative, C. W. Orr, Secretary,
Palmer Lake, Colo.
American Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association, A. Weygandt, Secretary,
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California Angora Wool Growers, Inc., Mason E. Miles, Secretary,
6724 South Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif.
* Chapal Donner Corporation, Polk and Clover Sts., Newark, N. J.
W. F. Dodge, 5201 South Eye St., Tacoma, Wash.
Federation of American Angora Breeders, H. John Harder, Secretary,
6722 South Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif.
* Forte, Dupee, Sawyer Co., 256 Summer St., Boston, Mass.
E. M. Gardiner, Fairview Rabbitry, Chadwick, N. Y.
* H. Haigh & Co., Inc., 246 Summer St., Boston, Mass.
* Lawrence J. Johnson, 184 Summer St., Boston, Mass.
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